ambulances at each 50 Kms. distance on all the National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, by when the ambulances are to be provided, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the arrangement made to contact the nearest hospital to take accident sufferers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Presently National Highways Authority of India deploys an ambulance at an average interval of 50 Kms. under their Operation and Maintenance Contracts/Build operates Transfer agreements on the completed stretches of National Highways entrusted to them. This Ministry also provides ambulance to States/UTs to evacuate victims of accident to the nearest medical centre under National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme (NHARSS).

(c) Provision of assistance in case of road accident is basically the responsibility of the State Government. Some State Government have notified telephone number to contact control room on certain highways in case of road accidents. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides assistance to the State/UTs under the scheme of 'Assisance for Capacity Building' for upgradation of emergency services/trauma care facilities in hospitals including those located near the national Highways for the purpose of treatment of accident victims. National Highways Authority of India have drawn up a list of 569 hospitals with trauma care facilities located on National Highways (Golden Quadrilateral and North-South/East-West Corridors) for use, in case of accidents.

Completion of Golden Quadrilateral Project

†1137. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi-Mumbai-Chennai-Kolkata Golden Quadrilateral road has been completed in all respect;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the work on Kolkata-Delhi road Particularly in Uttar Pradesh is still far from completion; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the work on this road would be completed?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) 92.5% of the Golden Quadrilateral comprising of Delhi-Mumbai-Chennai-Kolkata-Delhi has been completed as on 30.06.2006.

(b) 84% of the Delhi-Kolkata Section of the Golden Quadrilateral has been completed. In Uttar Pradesh, out of 755 Km. under the proejct 556 Km. has been completed and 199 Km. is under implementation.

(c) 96% of Golden Quadrilateral Project is targeted to be completed by December, 2006. Balance of 4 per cent stretches are affected due to non-performance of contractor, reward of terminated contracts and also award of Allahabad bypass in 2004 with completion date in 2007.

Construction of By-passes around Jaipur

†1138 SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need to construct by-passes around Jaipur given the huge traffic on National Highway;

(b) if so, by when Government would give clearance to construction by by-passes linking Ajmer-Jaipur road (NH-8) to Jaipur-Tonk road (NH-12), Tonk-Jaipur road (NH-12) to Jaipur-Agra road (NH-11) and Agra-Jaipur road (NH-11) to Jaipur-Delhi road (NH-8); and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) There is already a Jaipur by-pass on western side of National Highway 8 connecting Delhi-Jaipur (National Highway 8) to Jaipur-Bikaner (National Highway 11) to Jaipur-Ajmer (National Highway 8).

(b) and (c) The need for by-passes around important cities including Jaipur is to be convered under phase-VII of National Highway Development Project (NHDP), which is yet to be approved by the Government.

Evaluation of road project

1139 SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Road Transport has asked Government to

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